—Mayor says

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ment fire on Reisterstown Road did not result in any loss of life, but it has created a tremendous hardship for the 80 persons who lost their homes and possessions.

The Fulton Ave. fire resulted in a tragic loss of life, but was not allowed to spread to any surrounding structures.

As Mayor of Baltimore my first concern is for the safety of our residents.

Our city codes, regulations and policies reflect our desire to protect the homeowner, the office

These codes must be worker and the shopper. carefully and conscientiously enforced by the City.

To be effective, however, the City needs the active cooperation of both tenants and landlords.

The Building Code is the most strict in Maryland and is one of the strictest in the nation.

The model code promoted by the federal government to be used by all municipalities is not as strict as the Baltimore City Building Code.

The Building Code is enforced by the Construction and Buildings Inspection Division of the Department of Housing and Community Development which insures that all new construction in the City conforms with the code and that all places of public assembly such as offices and commercial facilities, are inspected on a regular two year basis for structural safety.

INSPECTION

The Neighborhood Development Division of the Department of Housing and Community Development enforces the Housing Code has equally strict standards relating to multi-family and single family dwellings

While the Housing Code requires only that multiple family dwellings (that is a dwelling with 3 or more units) be licensed on a yearly basis, we have begun a program which will allow for an annual inspection of all the 12,00 multi-family deweings each year.

WITHIN 24 HOURS

In addition, any of there dewelings which are inspected and are found to have a violation which creates an imminent threat or danger to the occupant must be corrected within 24 hours.

Of course, if circumstances are such that immediate action is required, the City takes on the spot corrective action, which in most cases involves evacuation of the occupant and provision of emergency housing until the violation can be corrected.

HOLIDAY WARNING

Special caution should be taken by residents during this holiday season.

If anyone has any questions regarding the electrical capacity or wiring safety of their dwelling, I would urge them to call the Department of Housing and Community Development area offices before plugging in their Christmas tree lights or outdoor display.

If residents will call and indicate concern, an inspector will be sent to check your home. In addition, the Fire Department urges anyone who suspects a fire or fire hazard to call their headquarters.

As holiday precaution, I urge residents not to leave children unattended. If you have lights on the tree, use UL approved lights and flameproof decorations.

I sincerely hope that the extra precautions being taken by the City and the resident will bring a safe and joyous holiday season.

—Markets

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ket, I wish to inform you that inspections by Melvin Johnson, Bureau of Food Control-Baltimore City Health Department, of most of these have now been completed.

"Individual inspection sheets were written for each stall inspected and violation notices to abate any existing nuisances were given to stall operators.

"A meat stall, according to our Sanitarians, is now satisfactory.

"However, samples of ground meat and ground sausage meat were found to be excessively high in fat content. Mr. Johnson indicated that the meat in question was removed from sale at the time of his visit.

"This market apparently needs further visits; therefore reinspections of all stalls in which nuisances were found recently, will be made.

"Thank you for your very evident interest in public health."

School news

Elementary School, 1624 Eutaw Place, will present a Christmas program on Monday, Dec. 18 at 9:30 a.m., and on Wednesday, Dec. 20th at 1:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. The community is invited.

PUSH explores ways to utilize covenants

CHICAGO — The business of using other people's money was the topic of discussion at two separate meetings held here last week — one almost all-black and the other almost all-white.

One was a meetng of the Board of Directors of the New York Stock Exchange, which was historic because this was the first time the board had met outside of New York. At the events surrounding this meeting, the only black person present besides Dr. Jerome Holland, a director was a reporter from the AFRO.

On the other side of Chicago, the Rev. Jesse Jackson of Operation PUSH was holding a Crors Fertilization Conference, and the only whites around were reporters.

PUSH, which announced it has negotiated about $105 million in business opportunities for black companies, invited heads of black businesses to discuss ways of utilizing these covenants with the Joreph Schlitz Brewing Co. for about $40 million and the General Foods Corp. for $65 million.

The Schlitz agreement says, "The Company is interested in affording opportunities to members of the black and minority communities to participate meaningfully and effectively in the company's business activities." This pact was signed by Schlitz and PUSH in August.

The General Foods agreement was signed in September.

PUSH plans to seek more covenants of this nature with other industrial giants. The conference was held at the organization's new headquarters 930 E. 50th St., which is maintained by contributions

During the Stock Exchange luncheon, Jesse J. Needham, chairman of the board of directors spoke to Chicago area company executives whose firms are listed on the exchange. The affair was held at the Continental Plaza Hotel

On the question of forecasts of corporate earnings, Needham noted that the Securities Exchange Commission is holding hearings on this question and was considering requiring corporations to include forecasts of future sales and earnings to publicly available financial documents filed with the commission

But Needham said he was against any change of policy that would permit or require corporations to publish such financial projections.

The exchange chairman said that he was "clearly on record as favoring maximum meaningful disclosure of pertinent information to shareholders and the public."

"At the same time," he said, "I think it is vital to avoid mandating any kind of communication between corporations and investors which, however innocently, could have the effect of misleading investors."

At a press conference following the luncheon, Needham elaborated on issues taken up at the board meeting and revealed plans to restructure the securities market.

The black businessmen who came to the PUSH conference looked just like their white counterparts who were invited to the Exchange meeting. Most were over 50, with greying or balding heads who wore the sedate brown, grey or blue business suits with white or blue shirts and colored ties.

But the members of PUSH conducting the meeting with their informal clothes and intense manners could in no way be compared to the suave stock exchange staff which changed airline tickets and ordered limousines with the touch of a button.

Both worked very hard, unaware the other even existed . . F Murphy

—Baby dies

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Bon Secours Hospital.

Fire fighters said she could not tell how the fire started. The fire was confined to the rear of the house and firemen said it apparently began in the baby's room.

The blaze gutted the entire second floor of the home. Cost of damage is still unknown but the estimate is reported to be considerable.

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A large, screaming crowd were gathered in front of the house when firemen arrived.

Mrs. Regina Batson, 21, mother of the kids, was visiting in the neighborhood when the fire started.

She was later treated for shock at the Bon Secours Hospital.

—Turk Scott

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appear at Tuesday's nomination session.

She told the AFRO Wednesday, "After I thought about it, I became disinterested. At this time, I've got to get myself clear. It is just coming upon me that my husband is gone."

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A coalition of the mostly-black Eastside Democratic Organization and the mostly-white New Democratic Club chose Mr. Scott over the other two nominees, Walter Brooks and Titus Garnett Jr.

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Mr. Scott is treasurer of the Eastside Democratic Organization. He has not held a publically elected office, but he is an appointee by the Governor to the state Unsatisfied Claims and Judgments Fund Board.

The term Mr. Scott fills extends to the end of 1974, and he has told the AFRO he will "definitely be seeking reelection in 1974."

After growing up in Washington and graduating from Dunbar High School there, he earned a business administrative degree from Wilberforce University in Ohio in 1960.

Mr. Scott did graduate work at Howard University and Johns Hopkins University.

POLICE REPORT

3 officers shoot down custodian

Three police officers simultaneously fired a volley of shots into Robert Lewis Jr., 29, 5100 block Belleville Ave., when he released his 16-year-old girl student hostage after more than 45 minutes persuasion, police state.

With his body riddled with bullets, the custodian was pronounced dead at 12:10 p.m. at the Sinai Hospital.

Police statements show, "Mr. Lewis had six bullets holes between his waist and shoulder, in the head, in the right upper leg and in the head."

Mr. Lewis was killed in an incident at the Western High School Wednesday when police said Mr. Lewis went "berserk attacking fellow workers" with a butcher knife.

Police records shiw a school guard, William Bowe was cut in the chest, Mrs. Lura Bishop, 40, also sustained finger and head wounds. They were both treated at the Sinai Hospital where Mr. Bowe remains in intensive care.

Miss Griggs, who was held hostage was treated for shock and released, but returned to Hopkins Hospital Wednesday night and Thursday.

Police state after Mr. Lewis had been talked into releasing Miss Griggs by Lt. Charles Goodrich 24 Northern District, he picked up his coat and moved towards the door but changed his mind, put down his coat and raised his knife again in a striking position.

He then opened the door and standing with the knife in downward motion, three officers fired at him, police reports state.

Police records show the whole incident began when Mr. Lewis came to the school where he met Mrs. Helen Ellicot, the head custodian, and after conversing with her for a while, he went into the custodian room from where he emerged with a knife and started chasing his fellow workers with it.

Police statement reveal a security guard, Mr. Kelly sprayed mace on Mr. Kelly to stop him from attacking the workers but without success. Mr. Lewis later came upon Mr. Bowe and in a struggle Mr. Bowe sustained knife wounds of the chest.

Meanwhile, police said Miss Griggs who was going to her bookkeeping class was met by Mr. Lewis who dragged her into a custodian's room and threatened to kill her if she screamed.

Officer Scales, Officer Thimas Siecinski and Officer Joseph Weber fired at Mr. Lewis who fell to the floor dropping the knife.

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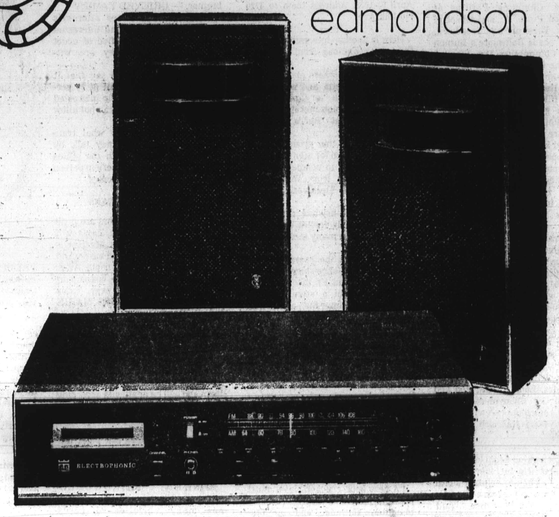

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THE MAYOR IN THE MAIL ROOM—This was the scene last week when Mayor William Donald Schaefer visited the AFRO. Seen with His Honor are (from left) Rodney Smith; Edward Lee; mail room superintendent (partially hidden behind Mr. Lee) Ellworth Wilson; and Kevin Brown.

Truman worsens; lung fluid rises

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI) — Former President Harry S. Truman, 88, slipped into "very serious" condition Thursday. His heart was weak. He slept restlessly and did not respond when his doctors spoke to him.

"President truman is very serious, but vital signs remain fairly stable," said his personal physician at research hospital, Dr. Wallace H. Graham. "Therefore, he is not critical."

More fluid collected in his lungs and he suffered advanced kidney blockage.

Truman's daughter said she was not as optimistic as she had been about her father's condition.

Graham said the former chief executive "had a restless night sleeping at short intervals."

"He did not respond to verbal stimuli during the night," Graham said. "Fluid continues to collect in his right lung. Kidney output remains adequate but is declining. He continues to tolerate his tube feeding well."

Graham ordered the protein level of a liquid nutrient increased to give Truman more strength.

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